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REMARKS

Applicants have previously submitted an unsigned Declaration under Rule 132 by one of the inventors which shows that the affect of the difference between PVA-B (GH23) and PVA-D (5222) does not affect dry time.

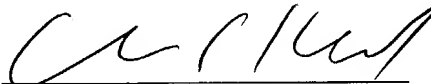
Applicants herewith submit the signed Declaration under Rule 132. As indicated in the Declaration, experiments performed, just as in Element 1 of the invention as described in the present application, except using PVA D resulted in a drytime of 10. Experiments performed, just as in Comparative Element C-2 as described in the present application, except using PVA B resulted in a drytime of 78. This shows that at a low level of hardener for the PVA used in the invention (PVA-B), the drytime was poor, and for a high level of hardener for the PVA used in the comparative examples (PVA D), the drytime was excellent. Thus, PVA type is not the cause of the improved drytime.

In view thereof, it follows that the subject matter of the claims would not have been obvious of Kasahara et al. in view of any of Brown, Akiya et al., Darsillo et al, or Tokunaga et al. at the time the invention was made.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record, and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the claims are now believed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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